

Montana Striving Readers Project Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Applicants: Criteria for LEA eligibility:

1. District has 50% or more students eligible for free/reduced price meals; or
2. District has an on-time graduation rate of $<$ or $=80\%$. (5% below AYP benchmark of 85%)

AND, additionally, the LEA must meet one of the following:

- District has a low-income student group not meeting AYP target in Reading, or
- District is identified for Title I improvement; or
- District has $>12\%$ students with disabilities

Criteria for eligibility for schools within a district: (A district may only include up to two schools per grade span from elementary, one middle school, and one high school.

1. School has 50% percent or more students eligible for free/ reduced price meals; or
2. High school has an on-time graduation rate of $<$ or $=80\%$,

AND, additionally, the school must meet one of the following:

- School has low-income student group not meeting AYP target in Reading, or
- School is identified for Title I improvement; or
- School has $>12\%$ students with disabilities

Eligible Applicants: Criteria for Early Learning Programs eligibility:

- Program is an established Head Start
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- Program is an established district operated special education preschool